

Household Hazardous Waste Drop-Off Sept. 13

BRANCHBURG – Somerset County Freeholder Patricia Walsh, recycling liaison, invites Somerset County residents to take advantage of the next Household Hazardous Waste drop-off event to clean up any household hazardous waste that has accumulated around their homes.

The next [Household Hazardous Waste Drop-off](#) for Somerset County homeowners and farmers is **Saturday, Sept. 13**, from **9 a.m. to 2 p.m.** at the **Branchburg Township Public Works Garage**, located at **34 Kenbury Road 08876**.

No registration is necessary, but proof of Somerset County residency is required. The program is free to county residents.

Household hazardous waste includes used cooking oil, banned or outdated pesticides, antifreeze, transmission fluids, brake fluids, wet-cell car batteries, motor oil (2-gallon maximum), ammonia-based cleaners, gasoline, kerosene, oil-based paints, pool chemicals, propane tanks, rechargeable and button-cell batteries, and items containing mercury, including fluorescent tubes, compact fluorescent light bulbs, mercury switches, thermometers and thermostats.

In June, 408 county residents dropped off approximately 27,400 pounds of hazardous materials for proper disposal. In addition, 220 gallons of used motor oil, 110 gallons of antifreeze, 33 propane tanks and 50 wet-cell batteries were collected and recycled.

The final Household Hazardous Waste drop-off will be Oct. 25 in Hillsborough. Household Hazardous Waste events are held at different locations around the county for the convenience of residents.

For more information on types and quantities of materials accepted, contact the Somerset County Division of Solid Waste Management at (908) 231-7031 or email solidwaste@co.somerset.nj.us or visit the Somerset County website at www.co.somerset.nj.us/recycle for recycling programs and information.

Residents wishing to safely dispose of unwanted or outdated prescription drugs and over-the-counter medications can do so at all scheduled Household Hazardous Waste events.

For more information regarding medicine collection in Somerset County, contact Lt. Steve SanAntonio at (908) 231-7168 or Sheriff's Officer Thomas Wallace at (908) 231-7138. The Medicine Drive-Thru Drop-Off program is hosted by the Somerset County Sheriff's Office, in conjunction with the Somerset County Solid Waste Management Division and the U.S. Drug Enforcement Administration.

No tires, electronics (computers and televisions), infectious waste, gas cylinders, smoke detectors, air conditioners or dehumidifiers are accepted at Household Hazardous Waste Drop-off events.

Residents can dispose of tires each month at First Saturday of the Month Drop-off events at the Somerset County Recycling Center in Bridgewater. For more information, call the Recycling Center at (732) 469-3363.

Residents can recycle e-waste, free of charge, at Newtech Recycling Inc., located at 600A Apgar Drive, Somerset, NJ 08873, on selected Saturdays from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. and weekdays from 7 a.m. to 5 p.m. Upcoming Saturday drop-off dates at Newtech are Sept. 6, Oct. 4, Nov. 1 and Dec. 6. For more information about Newtech Recycling Inc., call (732) 564-3110 or visit www.newtechrecycling.com.

To learn about proper disposal of home medical waste, visit www.co.somerset.nj.us/recycle/medicalwaste.html.

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